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respective contentions as to the boundary line in dispute is conflicting. While the line as ascertained by the court is not in accord with the contentions of either party, its judgment is not only not contrary to the evidence, but is fully supported by it when considered as on a demurrer to evidence, as it must be by the terms of section 3484 of Pollard's Code. Where a case at law, as this was, is submitted to the court for its decision without the intervention of a jury and a party excepts to the decision on the ground that it is contrary to the evidence, and the evidence and not the facts is certified, as in this case, the rule of decision in the appellate court is to give the judgment of the trial court upon the evidence the same effect as if it were the verdict of a jury. Martin v. Richmond Ry. Co., 101 Va. 406, 44 S. E. 695; Gray v. Rumrill, 101 Va. 507, 44 S. E. 697."

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IN VACATION.

During the trial of a recent homicide case in Charlottesville, a grizzled old man was called as an expert on firearms. The Commonwealth was examining him to determine his qualifications in this respect.

"What do you know about firearms?" asked the examiner.

"Well." replied the witness, "from '61 to '65 that was my business." He qualified.

Luke had been sent to the store with the mule and wagon. What happened is told in Luke's end of the conversation over the telephone from the store.

"Gimme seb'n-'leben.

"Gimme dat number quick, please'm.

"Dis yer's Luke, suh.

"Dis yer's Luke, I say, suh.

"I tuk de wagon to de sto' fo' dat truck.

"Yas, suh, I'm at de sto."

"Dat mule, she balk, suh.

"She's balkin' in de big road, near de sto'.

"No, suh, she ain' move.

"No, suh, I don' thing she's gwine move.

"Yas, suh, I beat 'er.

"I did beat 'er good.

"She jes' r'ar a li'l bit, suh.

"Yas, suh, she kick too.

"She jus' bus, de whiffletree li'l bit, suh.

"No, suh, dat mule won't lead.

"Yas, suh, I tried it.

"No, suh, jes' bit at me.

"No, suh, I ain't tickle de laigs.

"I tickle um last year, suh, once.

"Yas, suh, we twis' 'er tail.

"No, suh, I ain' done it.

"Who done it?

"I t'ink he's li'l travelin' man from Boston, suh. He twis' 'er tail.

"Yas, suh! She sho' did!

"Right spang in de face, suh.

"Dey's got 'im at de sto':

"Dey say he's comin' to, suh.

"I don't know-he do look mighty bad ter me, suh.

"Yas, suh, we tried dat.

"Yas, suh, we built a fire under 'er.

"No, suh, dat ain' make 'er go.

"She jes' move up li'l bit, suh

"Yas, suh, de wagon bu'n right up. But whut I'm telephonin' yu' 'bout—to ask yu' ter please sen' a wagon to hitch up to dat mule. She ain' gwine budge lessen she's hitcht up. Good-bye, suh."

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was asked to-day what he thought of the outlook for the Republican party in 1916, and he answered with a story.

"A black man was arrested for horse-stealing while I was prosecuting attorney in Vermilion county," he said, "and was placed on trial after being duly indicted. When his day in court came he was taken before the judge and I solemnly read the charge in the indictment to him.

"'Are you guilty or not?" I asked.

"The black man rolled uneasily in his chair. 'Well, boss," he finally said, 'ain't dat the very thing we're about to try?'"

-New York Herald.